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776 finally, the caciques, tired of being oppressed in certain areas by
173 certain bad Christians, have called some unfortunate, but alert
792 and bright boy Tunpa, in order to gather Indians from other areas to hear a flesh and blood God and fight with courage in the holy war (2).

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2. The Mexicans, at the time they were conquered by Hernán Cortes, had temples and idols, with priests serving them. When they beat on the holy drum, the fury of the warriors was kindled. In one battle Cortes lost 60 Spaniards, who were burned before the idols.

776 In this last case the illustrious Missionary Father Angélico
173 /134/ Martarelli, in his appendix to the history of the missions
792 says in substance the following: "The boy whom the caciques
792 chose to deceive the rest assumed the name of Tunpa so that his
●791 oracles would be believed and respected with great reverence. He was shut up in a hut and from there, through his counselors (one of whom is still alive and very attached to the missionary), gave answers to those who asked, Indian or white. These must respect his advice with all humility, and they were damned if they declared themselves unbelievers, while those who were good joined the ranks behind his flag.

Beliefs in the Spirits

152 It is not unusual for someone who is passing through Chiriguano towns to hear, either near or far, a man or a woman, or some-
[795] times many people, crying, especially at night. In this last case it causes sadness and who knows what terror for white hearers or for missionaries, because these wails sound like those of condemned
775 souls, and it seems as if they are crying about their misfortunes and the loss of eternal blessings.